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The mission to Africa which I undertook on behalf of the President was aimed at the achievement of the most fundamental values in which all Americans believe — peace, justice and human dignity. We have made encouraging progress. We believe there is now a good opportunity for settling the issue of Rhodesia and making progress toward negotiations on Namibia. Much remains to be done that depends on the goodwill of all the parties concerned. The United States remains prepared to give its good offices and to cooperate with Great Britain which, with respect to Rhodesia, has a historic and constitutional role to play.

I would like to thank all of the governments whose cooperation was so essential and whose representatives did me the courtesy of coming out here, and all of my associates whose indefatigable work made this possible.

I now will report to the President immediately, and early next week I will report to the Congress.

Thank you.